

TOWN OF SALEM, CT.

Economic Development Commission

Regular Meeting, November 16, 2015, 7:30 p.m. Salem Office Building, Room 2

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:37 pm by meeting chair Frank Sroka.

Members present:

Frank Sroka

Ken Bondi

Wendy Mikolinski

Andy Lightner

Members not present:

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Visitors:

None

1. Reading of Agenda – chairperson

Frank Sroka presented agenda. The preparation of the 2016 EDC Meeting Schedule was added to the agenda.

Motion: Ken Bondi moved to approve the Minutes for the 10/19/2015 meeting. Seconded by Andy Lightner. Unanimously approved.

2. Communications

- a. First Selectman Kevin Lyden informed Frank Sroka that the P&Z Committee public hearing for official approval of the Microbrewery Project proposed for Music Vale Road is to be held on 11/17/15 at 7 pm in the Town Hall public room. The EDC discussed being present at the hearing to show our support for the project.
- b. Town Clerk Linda Flugrad presented a memo to chair Frank Sroka regarding the resignation protocol for members of any town office position, elected or appointed. Frank read the protocol to ensure EDC member compliance.

3. Public Comment

None

Reports

None

4. Old Business

- a. Frank Sroka informed the EDC that the Draft Article for the Business Owner's Survey has been approved by First Selectman Kevin Lyden and has been submitted for publication in the next edition of Our Town Salem.
- b. Wendy Mikolinski hosted an EDC Table at the October 31 Apple Festival with the intent of polling Salem residents regarding their thoughts about the current business climate in Salem, their desires for future business expansion, and their general attitude regarding the use of town land for Solar Farms in Salem. Wendy Mikolinski presented a verbal summary of the results to the EDC committee for discussion. A written summary will be presented at the next EDC meeting.

5. New Business

- a. Potential uses for non-residential zoned land. Frank Sroka presented Rich Serra's report on the current non-residential zoned parcels in Salem. Frank asked the EDC members to review the document and to consider how available space in this zoning category may be used. Ideas for use and how to effectively promote the any such available space will be discussed at the next EDC meeting.
- b. Frank Sroka presented the 2016 EDC Meeting Schedule.

Motion: Andy Lightner motioned to approve the 2016 EDC Meeting Schedule. Seconded by Wendy Mikolinski. Unanimously approved.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 21, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in Salem Town Hall, Room 2.

Motion: Ken Bondi proposed to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Andy Lightner. Unanimously approved.

Meeting Adjourned 9:10 p.m.